



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Yoshinobu TANAKA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2624**

Application No.: **10/826,342**

Examiner: **Jeffrey S. Smith**

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RESPONSE TO SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Date: June 1, 2007

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated May 2, 2007.

The Examiner has required an election of one of the species below:

Species I Fig. 6;

Species II Fig. 11;

Species III Fig. 13; and

Species IV Fig. 14.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the embodiment of Species I (Fig. 6). Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 read on the elected embodiment. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.